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INTRODUCTION OF MATERNAL BENEFIT SCHEME
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are contemplating to introduce any new Maternal Benefit Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the main objective of the scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) Yes, Sir. There is a proposal to introduce a new scheme in the name of Janani Suraksha Yojana. This scheme shall not only integrate the existing National Maternity Benefit Scheme with the ongoing Maternal Health schemes but will also introduce several new initiatives.

(b) & (c) The main features of this scheme would be as follows:

i. The scheme will be 100% centrally sponsored.

ii. The benefit will be available to all women living in both rural and urban areas.

iii. All women aged 19 years and above, belonging to households below poverty line will be eligible for taking benefit of this scheme.

iv. The implementation in the urban areas will be through Municipal Health authorities and in rural areas, through the Chief Medical Officers of the districts.

v. Up to two live births, assistance of Rs.500/- for birth of male child and Rs.1000/- for birth of a female child. For pregnant women who opt for sterilization, she would be given the benefit of the scheme, even after the birth of two children.

vi. At least three antenatal check-up and delivery in a health centre/hospital will be necessary for availing the benefits.

vii. Assistance up to Rs.150/- for transporting the pregnant women to a health centre/hospital will be provided.

viii. Self-declaration will be accepted for Below Pverty Line (BPL) status in case the pregnant does not possess a BPL card.

ix. The assistance under the scheme is proposed to be disbursed by the ANMs immediately after the delivery.

x. In case, the pregnant women is brought to a health center/hospital by a Dai, the Dai would be paid an incentive of Rs.25/-.